

BARBARA KOLSUN

Barbara Kolsun is General Counsel of Stuart Weitzman, LLC, the luxury shoe design, manufacturing and retail company based in New York, where she started the company's first in-house legal department where she manages all legal matters, including intellectual property. Prior to Stuart Weitzman, Barbara served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Seven For All Mankind LLC, a leading luxury denim and apparel company, where she instituted the company's first in-house legal department which managed all intellectual property matters (2005-2007). Such work included the drafting and negotiating of all domestic and international consulting, licensing, and distribution agreements; the registering of trademarks and copyrights; and an extensive anticounterfeiting program.

She has devoted significant time and effort to the cause of enforcement of intellectual property, serving as Chairman of the Board of the International Anticounterfeiting Coalition (IACC) and as a member of its Board for many years. She has also spoken and published widely on the topic of counterfeiting and trademark infringement in the United States, Asia, and Europe, and has been herself the subject of numerous publications (ranging from *The New York Times* to *Women's Wear Daily*) for her pioneering work—and passionate stance on the importance of anticounterfeiting efforts—in the field. She has noted that her experience as a professional singer and actress (1970-1979) has served as additional motivation in her fierce drive to protect artists' and designers' intellectual property rights.

Ms. Kolsun was also Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Kate Spade LLC, the luxury handbag and lifestyle design house, where she was instrumental in setting up an in-house legal department for the growing company (2002-2005). Before Kate Spade, she served as Assistant General Counsel at WestPoint Stevens Inc., the home textile company (1998-2002); and Assistant General Counsel of Calvin Klein Jeanswear Co (1996-1998). Prior to her time working in-house, she practiced in the area of litigation for 12 years (1989-1996), representing numerous intellectual property owners throughout the United States.

Ms. Kolsun enjoys the distinction of having clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit (1982-1984), after she received her J.D. from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 1982. She rounds out a practice-based legal career with time spent in the legal teaching field, serving as Adjunct Associate Professor at Fordham Law School from 1986-1988, not to mention numerous visiting lectureships at law schools around the country, as well as speaking engagements to legal professionals at the International Trademark Association, American Bar Association and other conferences. However, her interest in education extends beyond current and future lawyers; she is equally proud of her work in educating consumers and even children in the significance of intellectual property protection. Her dedication to learning can also be seen in her service as a Trustee of Sarah Lawrence College, from where she graduated in 1971, and as a member of the Board of the First Step Program, a Coalition for the Homeless job training program.